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Nancy Brunson of Elba is shown [in a wheelchair due to a recent breaking of her ankle] with Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly. Brunson was one of the 24 organizing members and a Charter Member of the original John Coffee DAR chapter. She is still an active member today.

Local John Coffee DAR chapter celebrates 60 years of service

The John Coffee Chapter #3033 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] celebrated its 60th Anniversary (May 30, 1963 - May 30, 2023) this month.

Eunora Farris was the organizing Regent and served as its first Regent. Nancy Elizabeth Cowart Brunson of Elba was one of the 24 organizing members and a Charter Member of the original chapter. She is still an active member today.

During the 60th Anniversary celebration Brunson was recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright for her 60 years of dedicated and faithful service. She also received a wrist corsage of red, white and blue flowers, a banner recognizing her for being a charter member and a gift from the outgoing Regent Jacque Hawkins.

A very informative power-point presentation was prepared by Amanda Skinner and narrated by the Chapter's Historian Nell Gilmer. There were many pictures of happenings over the 60-year period.

The Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly was a special guest, driving from Birmingham, Ala. to attend the 10 a.m. meeting. She was presented

with a basket of mementos, donated by Jacque Hawkins, from many of the shops in downtown Enterprise. While at the celebrations, Donnelly conducted an installation ceremony for the officers of the John Coffee Chapter who will be serving from June 1, 2023 until June 1, 2025.

Donnelly presented two red roses to Regent Jacque Hawkins and thanked her for her service to the John Coffee Chapter. She also presented a red rose to each of the new officers and installed them in their respective offices [see photo on Page 5].

Outgoing Regent Jacque Hawkins presented gifts to her officers in appreciation of their assistance during her two-year term of office as Regent. Hawkins final act was to present the gavel to Regent Betty Ann Stinson who gave welcoming remarks and adjourned the meeting. An outgoing gift was presented to Hawkins.

A cake donated by Jacque Hawkins and punch provided by Betty Ann Stinson was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be August 23rd with the location to be announced. Those interested in becoming a member of DAR should contact Registrar Shirley Skinner at shirley_skinner@hotmail.com or 334-301-6063.

Elba's Camp E.X.C.E.L. set for June 5-19 for children Grades 2-6

The City of Elba's Summer Camp E.X.C.E.L. will be held June 5 - 19 each Monday-Thursday from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. The camp will be closed June 19th.

Camp E.X.C.E.L. serves children in grades 2 - 6 (2023-2024 school year). Camp fee is \$60 per child [plus \$10 for each additional sibling - family of 4]. Space is limited to 60 children.

A free lunch is provided by the Summer Feeding Program. Camp activities include character building and leadership, arts and crafts, games, sports, and lots more fun.

The camp will be held at Elba Elementary School. For more information, contact Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, summer camp director, at 334-447-5084 or email: excl-projectelba@gmail.com

Revenue Commissioner talks annual tax settlement numbers during Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Revenue

Commissioner Ronnie

Burns presented his annual

tax settlement report dur-

ing the commission meet-

ing held Monday, May 22,

and inflation was the word

commissioners heard multiple

times.

"This has been the largest tax collection increase since I have been in office, and this is my 44th year," Coffee

County Revenue

Commissioner Ronnie Burns said.

"It is up 15-18 per-

cent. We've never

had anything like

that before, and it is

all because of infla-

tion."

He said the cost of mate-

rials, new houses, and land

have all gone up over the

past couple of years, and

in some cases, shown a tremen-

dous increase amount.

Burns said that has contributed to higher property taxes for the county's residents.

"Unfortunately, it is going to stay there for a bit before it goes down," he said. "It has started to go back down some, but we operate on the previous year numbers. So,

that means it is going to take longer to come back down than it does to go back up."

Burns said since there had been a slight decrease in the market already, this up coming in year for taxes

might not be quite as bad as this year.

He expects it to still be higher than the norm.

Burns said the tax increases from last year to this year were up some 3.2 million dollars.

Last year, he said the county collected \$924,000 for the state general fund, and this year it was \$1,106,000. The state soldier fund increased from \$362,000 collected to \$474,000, and the state school fund increased from \$1,165,000 to \$1,364,000.

The county's portion increased from \$2,849,000 to \$3,400,000 while the road and bridge fund

Area Happenings

The Elba Public Library's Summer Learning Program will be held June 1 - July 28 this year. Registration is underway now. This program is fun for all ages, including adults. For more information, call (334) 897-6921 or email - library@elbaal.gov. Participants can register online at www.elbapubliclibrary.com

The Coffee County Extension office will host a ServSafe Certification class June 7-8 at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton. This course is for anyone in the food service and handling industry that may need ServSafe Certification. For more information or to register visit www.aces.edu/go/servsafe or call Food Safety Regional Extension Agent Bridgette Brannon at 334-714-1248.

with bond revocation at the time of his arrest.

On Saturday, May 27, another

Brundidge man was arrested by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies on drug charges.

Bobby McLendon, age 59, was booked into the county jail at 3:59 a.m. Saturday morning.

His charges included possession of a controlled substance and

misdemeanor possession of drug para-

phernalia. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the controlled substance charge and \$5,000 for the paraphernalia charge.

Saturday night, a Kinston, Ala. man was arrested by deputies on

the charge of chemical endangerment of a child. James Boutwell, age 42, of Kinston was booked into the Coffee

County Jail at 7:22 p.m. Saturday night

with his bond was set at \$30,000 for the charge.

Elba City Council approves Miranda Russell to new, full term on Elba School Board

by Linda Hodge, Editor

up for a full-term appointment.

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, May 22, council members voted unanimously to reappoint Miranda Russell to the Elba City School Board.

Russell had been appointed to serve-out an unexpired term on the board that had been vacated, and now, that seat on the board was

up for a new, full term.

After the council vote to affirm the appointment, Maddox thanked Russell for her willingness to give of her time to serve.

City clerk Sally Bane reported that construction for the new Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Davis Street in downtown Elba is progressing smoothly. She said that work is coming along really well and 'on budget' thus far.

Another project the city clerk addressed was the water main replacement project for Martin Luther King Drive. She said the contractor has been working to get this work done. Bane said traffic delays were to be expected while the project is underway.

"Keep in mind, however," she added. "Once the water mains are replaced, we get to repave that road. So, better days are ahead."

Also, during her report, Bane noted the Elba Splash Pad is open for the season. She said the splash pad is open each Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 1 - 8 p.m. on Sundays. It is closed on Mondays for cleaning and maintenance.

Elba Police Chief Troy Staley reported "all things going smooth" for his department. The only thing Staley said was an issue right now for the department was some maintenance issues with vehicles.

Council member Jane Brunson asked if the department was currently fully staffed, and Staley said it was short two officers from being fully staffed. However, he added that the department currently does not have enough patrol cars for a full staff.

He said the department is down four vehicles now with the majority of the old Crown Vic cars being removed from the fleet, and he said the department still had not received the new vehicle it ordered last year. He said that vehicle had been on order for several months.

Bane added that the city had received word the vehicle had been shipped, but she said that means shipped from Mexico so there was



In mid-May, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office celebrated the men and women who serve as correctional officers at the Coffee County Jail. This was held in conjunction with National Correctional Officers Week, which was established in 1984 by then President Ronald Reagan. The local correctional officers were honored/thanked for their service in the caring, custody, and control of inmates. A few of the correctional officers that serve the Coffee County Jail are pictured above. They are: (from left) Lt. Kyle Ethridge, assistant jail administrator; Sgt. Buddy Parker, intake supervisor; Corrections Deputy Mary Childs, corrections cook; Sgt. Glennette Williams, public relations deputy; and Capt. Shane Bryan, jail administrator.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Voltaire wrote during the reign of terror following the French Revolution over 200 years ago: "If you can get people to believe absurdities, you can get them to commit atrocities."

Voltaire's observation is as true today as it was 200 years ago! Social media has only expanded the opportunity for exploiting this human tendency.

Record-hot weather is predicted all across the U.S. for this summer, so says the weather experts. Reading a recap of their predictions seems to leave the southern part of the country out of the extreme heat predictions. They write about the Southwest extensively, and the Northwest will get some extreme heat (and dry weather). They note that the sea off the Northeast coast is already at normal summer temperatures, indicating they are going to get higher. Right now our weather in Alabama is fine, with cool evenings and nights and moderately warm weather during the day. We need to enjoy it while we can!

The news reports of recent drone attacks in Moscow, Russia worry us, as an indication of the war in Ukraine spreading and increasing the possibility of European countries and then the U.S. getting actively involved in the fighting and killing. The Ukraine folks have the right to protect their country (and are doing an impressive job of it) thus these drone attacks can be qualified as part of that defense effort, but we still worry about "The hurt dog that bites anything that moves."

The news Sunday morning was that a deal has been struck in Washington (maybe) on the debt ceiling and our Social Security check should soon "be in the mail" once the political grumbling is over. With billions in social security and welfare checks plus military and federal payrolls being at risk without solving this strictly political impasse would have many people going hungry and mass riots in a country already on edge about dozens of issues.

Our "unknown caller" hit again last Saturday morning shortly after midnight (and again at 5 a.m.). This time it didn't scare us as it did the week before...it just interrupts our sleep pattern and aggravates us a bunch. Completely turning off the phone is not really a good option, and "How do you block a number you don't have?"

Last week we had negative comments about U.S. Senator Tuberville blocking the promotions of a bunch of military officers and the negative impact it would probably have on Alabama's chance of getting the new space center headquarters. One of our regular readers called defending the senator's actions. This reader is upset that the Pentagon has announced it will pay for pregnant female soldiers AND their families to travel to states where abortions are legal (which is the announced reason for Tuberville's delaying the promotions). Now our position on abortions hasn't changed and we could never encourage a woman to that decision, but neither do we pass judgement on someone who does opt for an abortion. We read just today that a woman dies in childbirth every two (2) minutes in the United States! Recent tightening of abortion laws in a number of states will surely increase those numbers.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and Monday, May 29, 2023, conducted the following activity:

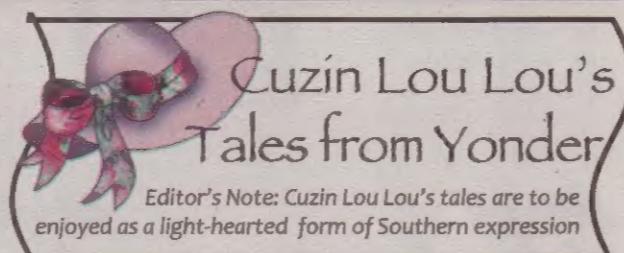
Tuesday, May 23 – Report of shots fired at 1512 Powell Circle (4:01 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (7:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr – w/citation issued (9:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1508 Reese Ave (9:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 716 Williams Ave S – w/impound (11:17 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Hwy 87 (10:35 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 24 – Domestic complaint reported on Collier St (2:36 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one citation, and three verbal warnings.

Thursday, May 25 – Animal complaint reported on Brunson Circle – w/impound (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 189 S (1:39 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported on Davis St E (3:19 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (4:39 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (6:13 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Garrett St (8:19 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one verbal warning.

Friday, May 26 – Domestic complaint reported at 221 Davis St E (3:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr (5:15 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 87 and Davis St (6:07 p.m.).

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Death is something we all have an appointment with...the unknown is when exactly that appointment time will arrive. It did this past Sunday evening, May 28, for one of Papa's siblings.

Aunt Peggy was Papa's oldest sister...the second oldest of seven total siblings. The age range of the seven was from 90 to 75. Papa is the 'baby' of the group at 75.

Aunt Peggy was the first of the seven to receive the appointment call. She was 88.

Cuzin Lou Lou and several of her cousins have often discussed how lucky the family has been for all seven to live such long lives, but all knew that one day, that longevity would be broken. Yet, how blessed this family has been to have had all seven of the siblings for so long!

Lou Lou often quips that she hopes she got Papa's family's genes when it comes to a long-lived life!

Even more, when one thinks of this unusual blessing...all seven of the siblings have spent their time well in raising their own families, "doing good" unto others, and passing the torch on to the next generations.

Monday, May 29 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 661 Davis St E (12:01 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 639 Claxton Ave N (2:29 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St B7 – w/impound (10:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1667 Hwy 166 (1:36 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 2748 Hwy 166 (1:57 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 214 Factory Ave – w/impound (6:07 p.m.).

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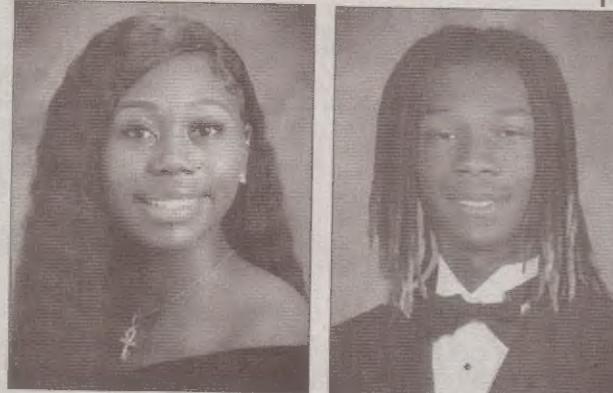
Elba High School Alumni Association awards scholarships

The Elba High School Alumni Association presented its annual scholarships to graduating Elba seniors during the Senior Awards Day Ceremony held Wednesday, May 17, at the high school.

The alumni association awarded \$3,000 in scholarship monies (\$1,500 to a female and \$1,500 to a male) to graduating seniors from the Class of 2023.

This brings the association's total given in scholarship monies to Elba High seniors since 2016 to \$24,500.

Presenting this year's scholarships was alumni association president Linda Hodge. The awards



Danaejah Flowers

Gabriel Newby

went to Gabriel Newby and Danaejah Flowers.

"As president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I am super proud of all the things we are able to do to help Elba City Schools, and it is an honor each year to present

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still no definite timeline on when it would arrive in Elba.

"We are just in limbo right now with that," Staley said.

Council members approved a resolution authorizing Southern Engineering Solutions Inc. to make application to ALDOT for sidewalk improvements for the city. If approved for funds to move forward with the sidewalk improvements plan, the city would fund a 20 percent cost share for participation in the program.

Also, during the meeting, council members voted to move forward with imple-

IT'S TIME TO LOCK UP. 9 P.M. ROUTINE

At 9 p.m. each evening, conduct a security check and verify:



Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates and sheds are locked.

Tools, bikes, keys and other valuables are secured and brought inside.

Activate exterior lights, security cameras and alarm systems.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department encourages citizens to conduct a security check every night at or before 9 p.m. and make sure "you lock everything up!" Stay safe in order to potentially avoid having to file a report on what has been stolen. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department urges you to be aware and get into a 9 p.m. routine.

Alabama community college system offers rapid, no-cost training to meet demands for fiber optic workforce

Salaries and demand for fiber optic technicians and installers are on the rise.

Through the Alabama Community College System's Skill for Success program, Alabamians can learn how to install and maintain fiber optic networks in less than a week.

The training can be completed quickly because part of the course is done online with interactive learning that is self-paced. Upon completing the online portion of the course, trainees then complete two days of hands-on training with qualified instructors at any of the 24 community and technical colleges around the state.

"Today's communication networks depend on fiber optic connectivity, so the demand for a skilled fiber optic workforce is critical and growing," said Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. "By delivering rapid training, Skills for Success quickly provides the training that can lead to immediate employment."

The online coursework covers the fundamentals of fiber optics, including industry standards and best practices. Participants then receive hands-on training when they learn how to install, test and maintain fiber optic cables, as well as how to troubleshoot and maintain fiber optic systems.

"When you walk out of here you're going to have opportunities to say that you know how to terminate fiber, you know how

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What is a Flag Detail, and What Does One Look Like?

The United States flag plays a prominent role in military funerals. As such, it's important to have officers on hand who can not only ensure the fallen service member is properly honored but also see to it that the flag is handled with care and respect.

These officers are collectively known as the flag detail and may include a number of officers tasked with different activities. A couple of members of the detail will be responsible for handling the flag and folding it at the proper time. (The folds of the flag are rich in symbolic significance, and it's vitally important this action is taken with the requisite attention.)

These flag folders will then furnish the flag to the deceased's next of kin.

There are other important roles included in the flag detail, including pallbearers - whose job is to make sure the fallen service member's casket is transported respectfully and carefully.

In other words, the flag detail serves in both a symbolic role and a functional one. The members of the flag detail bring a lot of ceremonial significance to the military funeral service, but their actions are also necessary for keeping the events of the service moving forward.

As you consider the funeral arrangements for your deceased service member, you may have questions about how to arrange the proper flag detail, and what tasks you can expect them to perform during the service.

Reaching out to the local VFW or American Legion can provide you with the answers you need. Alternatively, you can always ask your funeral home director for their insights on the matter.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

ASHLEY ANN NICOLE DEAN

Ms. Ashley Ann Nicole Dean, age 25, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Thursday, May 25, 2023, at her home after an extended illness in Coffee Springs.

No formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., is serving the Dean family.

Survivors include her mother: Lisa Ann Landingham, Coffee Springs; brothers: Jonathan (Jennifer) Stephens, Dothan, Ala., David "AJ" Anderson, Coffee Springs, Michael (Megan) Stephens, Geneva, Ala.; sisters: Jeana (Marquise Bryant) Dean, Geneva, Sabrina Stephens, of La., Anniessa Stephens, Dothan; aunt: Neoma Wilson, Coffee Springs; uncle: Waylon Brown, Coffee Springs; niece: Aubriana Bryant, Geneva; nephews: MJ Bryant, Geneva, David Anderson, and Donovan Anderson, both of Coffee Springs.

ment these scholarships to students looking to further their education beyond high school," Hodge said.

"We are proud of our students at Elba and we welcome this year's graduating seniors to alumni status!"

went to Gabriel Newby and Danaejah Flowers.

"As president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I am super proud of all the things we are able to do to help Elba City Schools, and it is an honor each year to present

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PAUL L. WALLACE

Mr. Paul L. Wallace, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, May 26, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 28, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Elba Church of Christ Elders George Bryan and Tom Maddox officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his son: Scott (wife Stephanie) McIntosh, New Brockton, Ala.; granddaughter: Macy McIntosh, Enterprise, Ala.; brothers: William Randle "Bill" Hodge, Elba, Joe David (wife Judy) Hodge, and Ralph Hodge, both of Clearwater, Fla., and Robert L. (wife Shirley) Hodge, Daleville, Ala.; sisters: Bertie Lee (husband Jearl) Boland, and Mary Jane Crocker, both of Elba; along with many nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Boswell Wallace, Elba; and daughter: Anita Wallace (husband Richard) Hart, Wilmer, Texas.

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Survivors include his wife: Mary

CHURCH NEWS



Newbia Baptist Church to host VBS on Saturday, June 10th

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Rd 330, Elba, Ala., will host the "Pets Unleashed - Where Jesus Cares For You" Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 10.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. that morning with the VBS fun to be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pre-registration can be completed by texting/calling (334) 372-2098.

All are invited to attend.

Jack Assembly of God set to host VBS nightly June 19-23

Jack Assembly of God Church, located at 2200 County Rd. 208, Jack, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. night- ly, June 19th-23rd.

There will be games, food and fun as all learn about following Jesus. Ages: 2-12.

Come join the fun.

More upcoming VBS dates:

Damascus Baptist Church - June 4-7

Ino Baptist Church - June 4-8

New Hope Baptist Church - June 4-9

Zion Chapel Baptist Church - June 4-8

Westside Baptist Church - June 5-9

Elba First Baptist - June 11-15

Kinston First Baptist - June 11-15

* Contact the churches for the exact times schedules for the individual Vacation Bible School programs.

* Add your church VBS dates to the list - email: clipper@troycable.net

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Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship ... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night ... "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer ... 6:15 p.m.
until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 a.m.
beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Philip Box, Minister
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE CHURCH
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Renaeus, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Linda C. Pasto
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBREW BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT. CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 12:00 p.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

VBS set for June 18-22 at Basin Baptist

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE 4-8, 2023

JUNE 4-5, 8-9:30 p.m.
JUNE 5-6, 8-9:30 p.m.

AGES 2 TO ADULT

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 23:1

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The suffering, praise, and posterity of the Messiah. Psalm 22: 1-31

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Michael Martin, Wole

Mercy, Jiboa Mercy,

Marcus D. Kelley, Warren

Belcher, Faye Manning,

Min. Ronnie Caldwell,

Deloris F. Williams, Rev.

Fred/Annie Flowers

team had scored. IN the

Notre Dame locker room,

Coach Knute Rockne said

to his team, "Boys, I want

to tell you a story." Then

he related Gipp's deathbed

conversation with him: "Sometimes, Rock,

when...things are going

wrong and the breaks are

beating the boys - tell

them to go in there with

all they've got and win just

one for the Gipper." With

the team sobbing, Rockne

said, "All right, boys, this

is the game. Let's get one

for the Gipper." Notre

Dame won the game that

day, 12-6.

Paul's final words to the

elders of the church at

Ephesus were words of

encouragement. He had

set the example. He knew

that final victory would be

theirs. It can be ours too,

if we are faithful to fol-

low that example and serve

Jesus. - C.R.B.

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Alonzo and Deana Cole

7/1 W.A.

Rev. Lovell Martin 7/1

Jackie Whitfield 7/1

Michael Martin 7/1

Grady and Brenda Brooks

7/2 W.A.

Terrance I. Kelley 7/2

Larry and Louvella Folmar

7/3 W.A.

Arrian Henderson 7/3

Joseph Long 7/3 (in mem-

ory)

Priscilla Sanders 7/3

Eugene Nelson 7/5 (in mem-

ory)

Makayla D. Moore 7/6

Min. Joyce B. Johnson 7/7

Questions / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 6/1/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Abram was (75, 99,

100) years old when he,

Sarai, and Lot left _____

to go into the Land of

Canaan.

A: 75 / Haran - Genesis

12:4

Q: In Amos' day, the peo-

ple of Israel told the proph-

ets, "Prophecy _____."

A: Not - Amos 2:12

Thought to Remember

Courage is not the absence

of fear, but fear that has

said its prayers.

Questions for the Week of 6/8/23

Answer the Questions - Use Your Concordance

Q: Who gave God's

instructions to Barak to

take ten thousand men to

fight against Sisera, the

captain of Jabin's army?

Today is a good day! Be

grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

THE WAY OF HOLINESS

CHURCH, Elba

Mac Reed, Minister

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Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.

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Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly (far left) conducted an installation ceremony for the officers of the John Coffee Chapter who will be serving from June 1, 2023 until June 1, 2025. The officers are (from left, facing Donnelly) Regent Betty Ann Stinson; Registrar Shirley Skinner; Secretary Amanda Skinner, Treasurer Jane Harrod; Historian Nell Gilmer; and outgoing Regent and incoming Librarian Jacque Hawkins. Not shown was the Vice Regent Elizabeth Vickers.

Local students named to Chancellor's List at Troy

Troy University has released the names of students who made the Chancellor's List for the Spring semester and Term 4 of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

The spring semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students making the list were:

From Elba: Raegan Bragg, Destiny Hataway, Vanesa Jimenez, Skyler Nalley, and Kacy Hussey;

From Jack: Anice Thompson, Michael Wambles, and Rebekah Phillips;

From New Brockton: Jaden Boland, Michael O'Neill, and Jayleana Teele

From Kinston: Kathryn Free, and Rebecca Senn

Enterprise man awarded degree during Spring commencement at Southern Miss

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) awarded undergraduate, graduate and specialist degrees to approximately 2,017 students in the spring 2023 semester.

Jason Folmar, of Enterprise, Ala., received his Master's degree in library & info sci.

Enterprise man awarded degree during Spring commencement at Southern Miss

graduating in the spring 2023 semester.

Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling \$141,338 to assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims in 21 counties.

"Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault deserve ready access to a variety of professional services including those provided by court advocates who can help them navigate the complexities of the justice system," Gov. Ivey said. "I commend the work of these organizations to protect victims and their families every day."

Included in the grants was: **The House of Ruth Inc.** in Houston County is using funds of \$39,000 to provide education and training to law enforcement officers, social service workers and other first responders on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization will also offer education and awareness training to public schools and college students



Outgoing Regent Jacque Hawkins presented the gavel to new Regent Betty Ann Stinson who gave welcoming remarks and adjourned the organization's 60th anniversary meeting held earlier this month.

Governor awards grants to assist domestic violence victims

through community events, health fairs, job fairs and media outreach. The project serves Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available to the state from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Gov. Ivey and ADECA believe that partnerships with local organizations are vital to ensuring that victims continue to receive the services and help they require to recover from abuse," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "These grants will help support such assistance through these organizations and programs."



LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, Richard Brian Norris and Heather Norris, husband and wife, did execute and deliver to First South Farm Credit, ACA, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears in record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Official Record Book 184A at page 472, and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continued at this date and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 15, 2023, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While their Granddaddy worked for over twenty-four hours over the holiday weekend, both my grandsons enjoyed the beginning of summer by heading to the water. Lawson and his Mom went to the beach for a day and came home with sandy crocs, wet swimming suits and a slight sunburn, while Cannon joined his Mom and Dad at the pool and splashed on every chance he got as he found how much fun a pool can be. Yep, summer is here, for some.

For what it is worth....

*** Anyone who thinks being a student-athlete in high school is easy needs to talk with a player in just about any sport. At Elba High, and at high schools all around the state, basketball teams will be back on the court in June to get in summer workouts and play games against area teams, while all the athletes in the many other sports will get up early four days a week to head into the weight room and track to work on strength and quickness. It is a sacrifice to play sports in high school, and while the players deserve credit for all the extra hours of work put in, so do all the coaches that are back at school almost daily to try and teach their players the fundamentals of the sport and make certain they will be ready when the season starts. There is truly no rest for the weary when it comes to high school sports!

*** In closing.... I still watch the highlights of the Atlanta Braves every night to keep up with their run toward another East Division title, and while I can longer watch the Braves live on the tube, the highlights have kept me satisfied. I haven't been to a game in Atlanta for a couple of years. However, since I can't watch'em live anymore I may have to go to a game and fill the need.

Free Fishing Day set for June 10 at all state lakes

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license. The event is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 3-11.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day also takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing

Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. For more information visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater-recreational-size-creel-limits.

In addition, State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission.

Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of www.outdooralabama.com.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Parks, State Lands, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

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June 6 is first day to register for permit to hunt 'gators in Alabama

At 8 a.m. on June 6, 2023, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will begin accepting online applications for Alligator Harvest Permits. The permits allow for the harvest of an alligator in one of Alabama's five designated Alligator Management Areas (AMA) during the dates listed below. There is no fee to apply for a permit.

A total of 260 Alligator Harvest Permits will be distributed among the five AMAs. Individuals may submit one application per management area. The online application must be submitted by 8 a.m. on July 11. For complete season information or to apply for a permit starting June 6, visit www.outdooralabama.com/seasons-and-bag-limits/alligator-season

Only Alabama residents and Alabama lifetime license holders ages 16 years or older holding any valid all game or small game Alabama Hunting License may apply for permits. Alabama lifetime license holders may apply for an Alligator Harvest Permit even if they have moved out of the state.

Hunters will be randomly selected by computer to receive one harvest permit each. There is a \$250 fee for the Alligator Harvest Permit.

If selected for two or more locations, hunters must choose which location they would like to hunt. The slot for locations not chosen will be filled from a list of randomly selected alternates.

The random selection process utilizes a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat applicants being selected for a hunt as long as they

Lady Tiger volleyball teams selected for 2023 season

The Elba Lady Tigers held volleyball tryouts last week for the 2023 high school season. Following are team rosters:

Varsity
Kendra Juarez
Brooke Tinsley
Haylee Tucker
Mary Kelley
Alayna Stinson
A'Lyric Whitfield
Aubrey Wisecup
Keelie Moseley
Sydney Siler
Junior Varsity
Ma'kiyah Hooks
Caleigh Smith
Ja'Haira Walker
Jadyn Caldwell
Stellar Edgar
Layla Faircloth
Mackenzie Foster
Meriah Hill
Channon Hooks
Chloe Russell
Miciah Smith

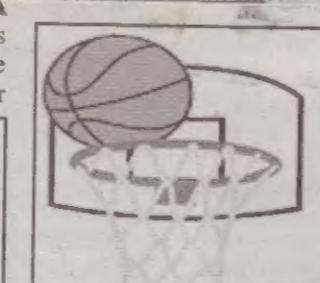


Elba picks Tiger and Lady Tiger

The Elba Tigers held tryouts last week for the 2024 high school golf team. Following are team rosters:

Boys Varsity

Lyla Walden
Brooklyn Henderson
Hillary Hudson
Andre Johnson
Shaylee Johnson
Zaniyah Mitchell
Kayden Moseley
Mary Brooklyn O'Neal
Kendelyn Sanders
Tami Tillis
Javonne Williams



Tigers pick 23-24 basketball teams

The Elba Tigers held basketball tryouts last week for the 2023-2024 high school basketball season. Following are team rosters:

Elba Tiger Varsity

Cody Gray
Cameron Gray
Jamal Siler
Alvin Henderson
Emmanuel Cooks
Keaton Poole
Brayden Johnson
Brady Johnson
Jacob Watkins
Ty Sieving
Elba Tiger Junior Varsity
Jonathan Edwards
Skylar Mitchell
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Locals enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with fun, food and more

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States. It also is unofficially considered by many to be the "start of summer" thus the holiday weekend is enjoyed by many fun activities along with taking time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Several locals shared some of their 2023 Memorial Day weekend activities with The Elba Clipper – all noting that their "fun" was made possible by those who gave it all! Each that shared a photo said they are grateful for those who are willing to serve to protect our freedoms.



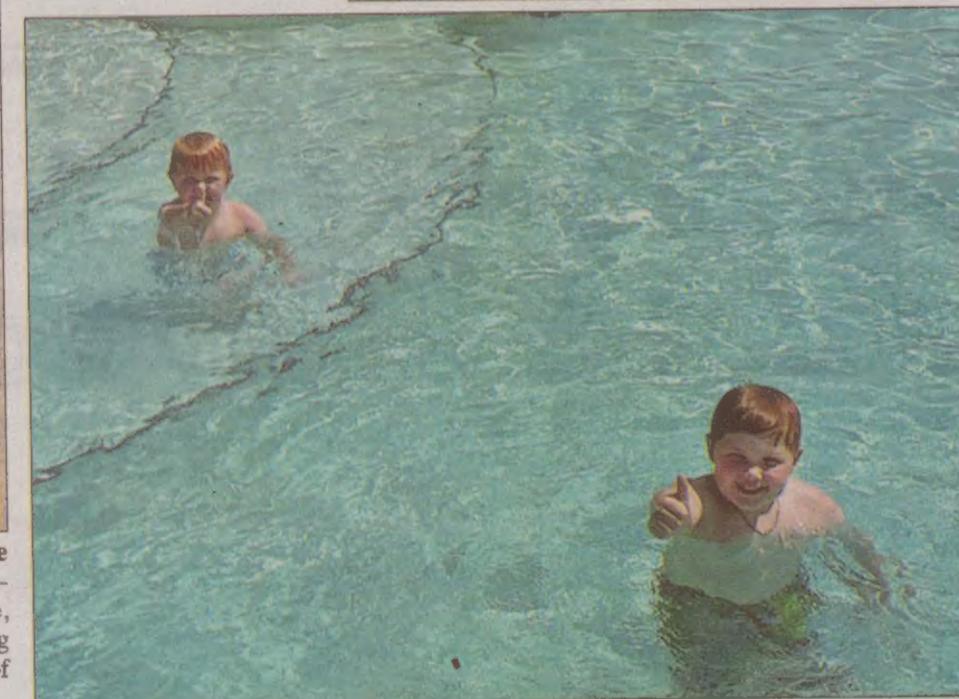
Joseph Cline of Elba was honored during his graduation ceremony from FAITH Academy over the weekend at County Line Baptist Church in Enterprise. The church sponsors the FAITH (Families Advancing in Teaching Homes) Academy homeschool program that Joseph participated in for his education. Joseph said the sacrifices of those who never made it home from service allowed him to not only enjoy the privilege of graduation this past weekend, but it also allowed him to do so by attending his graduation through a church-based program. Joseph is the son of Joel and Anne Cline of Elba.



Byrdie Forbes spent her most of her Saturday at the ballpark watching her older sister, Taylor Day, participate in a softball tournament in Marianna, Fla. Of course, the stains on Byrdie's lips suggest that she also enjoys snacking while at the ballpark! Byrdie is the daughter of Robbie Forbes and Raeanne McCollough of Elba.



Photo to the Right: This group of young ladies from Elba enjoyed their Sunday afternoon at the movies! The girls went to see Disney's The Little Mermaid, which made its box office debut over the holiday weekend. According to the ladies, the movie was "Great!" The group of friends includes (from left) Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal, Taylor Day, Hillary Hudson, Byrdie Forbes, Kayden Moseley, Keelee Moseley, and Parrish Grantham.



Brothers Carson (front) and Jackson (back) Blair and their baby brother, Colton, spent the Memorial Day weekend with their grandparents Dean and Melonee Blair while their dad and mom, Brian and Megan Blair, were away on an anniversary trip. Carson and Jackson had a busy weekend with the grandparents, and they gave thumbs up when it came to swimming time! The weekend also included a trip to the movies, grilling, shopping, church, and more.

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, for more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

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The Bane and Holley families of Elba enjoyed floating down Bear Paw Creek in Florida as part of their Memorial Day weekend celebrations. In the top photo, Jacks, Cooper, Powell, and Dylan float ahead of the rest of the family members while (to the left) everyone tried to gather for a group photo. Those pictured include: Bradley and Sally Bane and their children - Powell, Jacks and Bella, and Jason and Julie Holley and their sons - Dylan and Cooper. The two families have been longtime friends and enjoy spending time with one another. As the group photo shows, it was difficult to get all in the frame thus the partial head showing for Bradley!

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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LIFESTYLES

Kennedy named LBWCC Outstanding Alumnus

LBW Community College named second-generation logger and business owner Kevin Kennedy as the 2023 Outstanding Alumnus.

He was recognized at the annual commencement ceremony Friday, May 12, in Andalusia, Ala.

Kennedy, a 1992 graduate of Brantley High School, attended and graduated with a degree in forestry from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in 1995. He is the owner and president of Kennedy Logging, Kennedy Forest Products, Partners' 5 Trucking Company, and RBKK Leasing, located in Brantley, Ala.

He has had a passion for the timber industry since high school, when he worked with his dad. After completing his degree at LBW, Kennedy was employed by Kennedy Logging and in



Kevin Kennedy

2001 established a land/timber procurement company, Kennedy Forest Products.

"Mr. Kennedy's companies' economic impact in our service area is astounding, accounting for over 60 jobs directly and countless others indirectly," said LBW President Dr. Brock Kelley.

Kennedy's passion for

the timber industry goes well beyond his own companies, and he has joined with other professionals to ensure the timber industry in the state of Alabama thrives. He serves on several committees and boards across the state to help others in the forestry industry. He is a board member of the Alabama Forestry Association; Alabama Forestry Association Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama; Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Water Management Authority; Swamp Fox Insurance; Forest PAC; and a board member of the First National Bank of Dozier. He has served as the Vice Chairman and Trustee for Alabama Forest Fund Workman's Comp for the last 14 years. Recently, Kennedy had the opportunity to attend a conference in Washington D.C. to speak with Senators and legislators to voice the needs of the forestry industry of Alabama.

Kennedy resides in Brantley with his wife, Tracy, and their two children, Natalie and Jack. He is a member of Brantley United Methodist Church.

"We are pleased to recognize Kevin Kennedy as the 2023 Outstanding Alumnus for the College for his work in the field of forestry," Kelley added. "The forest industry is such a vital part of South Alabama's economy, and it's because of alumni like Kevin that our college and forestry program continue to grow."

Elba senior receives scholarship from Club Yesepoch

The Club Yesepoch 2023 Scholarships have been awarded to two Wiregrass students, Taylor Purvis and Haley Jones for their remarkable academic achievements and community service recognitions.

Taylor Purvis, a 2023 graduate of Elba High School, has been accepted at Alabama Aviation School. His goal is to obtain a degree and become an aircraft maintenance technician. Purvis is an honor roll student; earned Spotlight Student of the Week and Microsoft PowerPoint Specialist. His extracurricular activities and club memberships include Elba High School Basketball, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes,



Taylor Purvis and Haley Jones

Homecoming Escort, Real Life Church Camp and Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Volunteer.

Purvis is a staff member of the Greentree Christian Fellowship. His experience includes yardwork, landscaping and cleaning houses.

Jones is a 2023 Daleville High School graduate with an advanced diploma. She has been accepted to attend Auburn University in the fall and will major in nursing. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to

continue her studies at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and earn a master's degree and become a nurse anesthetist.

She has an outstanding academic high school record and earned numerous honors while maintaining all A's throughout the 2020, 2021, 2022 school years. Awards include Student Scientist, Historian, Mathematician, Leadership and School Spirit.

Jones has been recognized for community service with several organizations. She is also the reigning Miss Daleville 2022-2023.

Jones is a member of the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Tri-National Music Honor Society and Student Government Association (SGA). She is also the Yearbook Business Manager and Senior Class Historian.

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